

REMARKS

The present Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed March 7, 2002. Claims 23-44 are now pending in this application. Claims 23, 28, 31 and 38 are independent. Claims 31 and 38 have been amended.

All of the comments in the Amendment filed March 7, 2002, including the comments on the drawings and rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §103(a), are maintained. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Scott L. Lowe (Reg. No. 41,458) at (703) 205-8000 to discuss such matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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In the Claims:

The claims have been amended as follows:

31. (Three Times Amended) A device for processing a digital signal, comprising:

an audio signal processor receiving indicating information and first units of [a plurality of] digital audio data interleaved into a sequential order [at a predetermined interval] with second units of digital video data, each unit of the digital audio data including more than one audio channel, and the indicating information indicating both a coding mode and identification of [a presence of the audio channels in] the digital audio data, the audio signal processor extracting the indicating information, and separating one of the audio data using the indicating information; and

a control circuit controlling the audio signal processor to separate one of the audio data based on user input designating one of the audio data.

38. (Three Times Amended) A method for processing a digital signal, comprising:

receiving indicating information and first units of [a plurality of] digital audio data interleaved into a sequential order [at a predetermined interval] with

second units of digital video data, each unit of the digital audio data including more than one audio channel, and the indicating information indicating both a coding mode and identification of [a presence of the audio channels in] the digital audio data;

extracting the indicating information;

separating one of the audio data using the indicating information and user input designating one of the audio data.